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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JAL HIJACKING

AS OF 0230 THIS MORNING (EDT), THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT WAS STILL ON THE GROUND AT DUBAI. THE REFUSAL OF THE HIJACKERS TO STATE THEIR DEMANDS OR ENGAGE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT THE "OCCUPIED LANDS ORGANIZATION" IS NON-EXISTENT. AN OFFER BY SHEIKH AL-MAKTUM OF SAFE-CONDUCT OUT OF DUBAI IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAS FLATLY REJECTED BY THE TERRORISTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) OPERATIONS CENTER-EMBASSY ABU DHABI TELECONS, 7/23; ABU DHABI 1014, 7/23; FBIS 12, 7/23.

2. US FINESSES RECOGNITION OF AFGHAN REGIME

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AMBASSADOR NEUMANN INFORMED DR. KARIM OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE US "SEEKS TO CONTINUE THE LONG-STANDING, WARM RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN". DR. KARIM EXPRESSED OFFICIAL, AS WELL AS PERSONAL, GRATITUDE FOR THIS GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP. AMBASSADOR NEUMANN HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PRESENT HIS COMPLIMENTS TO PRESIDENT DAUD. (SECRET) KABUL 5368, 7/22 (EXDIS).

3. CAMBODIA ATTEMPTS TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY

THE WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IS INACCURATE REGARDING THE STRENGTH AND PARTICIPATION OF VC AND NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE AROUND PHNOM PENH. OUR EMBASSY REPORTS THAT VC/NVA PERSONNEL STRENGTH HAS DECREASED FROM 42,000 IN DECEMBER 1972 TO AN ESTIMATED 30,000. KHMER INSURGENTS HAVE ASSUMED THE BRUNT OF ALL MAJOR COMBAT ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRY. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 7407, 7/21 (EXDIS).

4. SC NEGOTIATIONS STRIKE FAMILIAR NOTE

A. AMBASSADOR SCALI TOLD A NUMBER OF UN DELEGATES THAT THE NON-ALIGNED DRAFT RESOLUTION IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US ON A NUMBER OF POINTS. ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAV AND INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE STRESSED THAT THE DRAFT LANGUAGE IS FLEXIBLE, USUN DOUBTS THAT "THEY ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FAR ENOUGH TO SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENTS". USUN WANTS THE UK REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR CROWE, TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE INSISTS THAT THE US "WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE NON-ALIGNED" AND "DEMONSTRATE A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE". (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2650, 7/21.

B. THE DCM OF THE UK EMBASSY IN AMMAN VOLUNTEERED HIS CONCERN OVER INCREASING DIVERGENCE IN US AND UK POLICY REGARDING THE SC DEBATE. THIS OFFICIAL, AN EXPERIENCED UN OBSERVER, BELIEVES THAT IF THE SECRET

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PRESENT SITUATION DEVELOPS AS EXPECTED, THE UK WILL HAVE "TO LEAVE THE US OUT IN THE COLD". (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 3861, 7/22 (EXDIS).

5. IRAQ SEEKS ESCAPE FROM ISOLATION

CORRESPONDENTS OF LE FIGARO AND LE MONDE REPORT STATEMENTS BY IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN CALLING

FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE US, THE UK, IRAN, AND KUWAIT. THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CONVINCED OF

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A GROWING DESIRE WITHIN IRAQ TO MAINTAIN A DEGREE OF DISTANCE FROM BOTH MAJOR POWER BLOCS, "RATHER LIKE ALGERIA". FRANCE WOULD WELCOME BETTER US-IRAQ RELATIONS AS A MEANS OF DIMINISHING EXTREMIST TENDENCIES IN BAGHDAD. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 20041, 7/21.

6. US REPLIES TO UGANDAN DEMARCHE

AMBASSADOR VANCE HAS TALKED WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE ON WHAT GENERAL AMIN CAN DO TO MOVE RELATIONS WITH THE US BACK TO NORMAL. VANCE STRESSED THE NEED FOR BETTER TREATMENT OF US CITIZENS IN UGANDA AND ADDED THAT NO COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE REGARDING RESUMPTION OF PC OR AID PROGRAMS. MOBUTU REPLIED THAT AMIN'S IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW US AMBASSADOR. HE WILL VISIT AMIN SHORTLY IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE UGANDAN DEMARCHE. (SECRET) KINSHASA 6012, 7/21 (LIMDIS).

7. TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR KAF

EMBASSY SAIGON BELIEVES THE CURRENT CAMBODIAN SITUATION REQUIRES THE TRAINING OF KHMER PILOTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TRAINEES SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS ALLIED FORCES UNDER ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE SECRET

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"FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING ARTICLE 20 OF THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING CAMBODIA". THE EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT "IT MAKES NO SENSE...TO CONTINUE TO TIE OUR HANDS WITH LEGAL NICETIES". (CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 13201, 7/21. ROGERS

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